PRESIDENT: Apparently, the husbands have got the habit of getting resuscitated.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Sir, it is a sorry state of affairs. The allotment in the case of the Veterinary Department is only.....

PRESIDENT: How does it arise? Scindhi bulls, and widows etc.....

I do not want to curtail discussion but the rules are perfectly clear that during supplementary grants such questions only as are strictly pertinent to the supplementary grant could be discussed. Whether Mr. Narayana Aiyar is in the position of a resurrected husband or widowed husband, or a new husband—all these things did not really arise.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: When I say about bulls I may certainly have to refer to the Veterinary Department and Veterinary Department being under the Agricultural Department I made reference.....

PRESIDENT: Yes, the honourable member can proceed.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: I suggest that the head of the department should not be contented with merely getting allotments for the bulls.

PRESIDENT: Government are fully aware that the Veterinary Department in Travancore needs a great deal of renewal and repair. As a matter of fact, throughout India there is great scarcity of recognised Veterinary Experts. Having that matter in mind this Government have approached one of the foremost agricultural experts in India, if not in the world, Dr. Sam Higginbottam, who has retired after 30 years service in Allahabad, to send one of his Veterinary Experts, a man of acknowledged eminence, to go through the whole work of the Veterinary Department here and advise as to the rehabilitation of the Department. Dr. Sam Higginbottam has given permission to his assistant to come here. We are paying him at the rate of Rs. 100 per day in order to come here and give us advice as to the future of the Veterinary Department especially in regard to the cattle position here. Cattle production is an important and essential feature of the scheme of Post-war Agricultural Re-construction. Both Madras and Mysore have imposed a ban on the export of cattle. As a matter of fact, on account of the representation made by this Government to the Government of India and the Madras and Mysore Governments, they have now appointed an inter-provincial organisation composed of representatives of Hyderabad, Mysore, Travancore, Cochin and the Madras Presidency and, as a result of that, a very small number of cattle—200—have been allowed to us whereas 2000 cattle should be imported at least in order to deal with the whole of the cattle situation here. It is to re-establish the Veterinary Department on a proper basis that we are getting down an expert. It is expected that he will be coming in a month or two and start operations.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It was only after persistent demands and personal representations made by the Head of the Administration that at least these two bulls could be secured.

One more bull has been promised to us.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Are these two bulls intended to be stationed in Trivandrum?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, they are intended to be stationed in Trivandrum for the time being.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Can one of them be not sent to northern Travancore.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Sir, they have to be maintained well. In fact the idea is to distribute the progeny throughout the State in accordance with the grading up a scheme which is in operation already in the Trivandrum City.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Are there not officers of the Department in Central Travancore who could be given charge of these animals.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The animals have to be kept at Trivandrum for the present.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: സിന്ധ് ബുൾസ് ഇനിയും കിട്ടാനുണ്ടോ എന്നു തിരക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ഉണ്ട്.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: രണ്ടെണ്ണം മതിയെന്നുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടാണോ അവർ രണ്ടെണ്ണം നമുക്കു അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: കൂടുതൽ തന്നിട്ടില്ല.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Out of the two bulls, one may be sent to North Travancore so that the people of North Travancore will have an advantage. Parur may be selected as a place in North Travancore. There is no point in saying that the general policy of the Government is in accordance with the big scheme and keeping these bulls in Trivandrum itself. I appeal to the Head of the Department to consider this question and send one bull to Parur for use of the public there.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I regret it will not be possible to send one of the pedigree bulls to North Travancore immediately. I myself belong to that place and I should be very glad to send it on there myself, if it were possible. But the point is we are trying to get as many bulls as we can, and when those are obtained they will be distributed over the whole State on an equitable basis. Nobody can be more anxious than myself in regard to this problem. But these pedigree bulls have to be retained here in accordance with a scheme of grading up that is in progress. There is a milk recorder working in the City. I can assure the honourable member that the tract mentioned by him will not be neglected.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Some years ago, some of these Scindhi bulls were purchased. May I know whether they are working now?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: They have become defunct.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Have they been sold?

MR. K. R NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes.

The question that a sum of Rs. 1,800 under XIX—Agriculture was put and carried.

The grant was made.

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DEMAND XXV—MEDICAL—Rs. 380.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 380 under Demand XXV—Medical, (for the appointment of additional staff for the office of the Surgeon-General).

This is for the appointment of a temporary clerk on Rs. 45-5-75 and another on Rs. 30-45 in the office of the Surgeon-General. During the preparation of the last budget, the Surgeon-General wanted more hands for running the Department on account of the continued expansion of the work of the Medical Department during the last few years. The House is aware that several new institutions have been added to the Department and in addition to that, there is another difficulty which has recently arisen. On account of the difficulty in getting medical supplies from the Government of India for the general practitioners and for the use of private hospitals in the State, the Surgeon General has to co-ordinate the Medical indents required for the State as a whole and forward that in time to the Government of India. All these will entail additional work. So, I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment required for the temporary appointment of the two men in the Surgeon-General's Office.

The question that a sum of Rs. 380 under XXV—Medical was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXVI—AYURVEDA—Rs. 110.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER : Sir I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 110 be granted under XXVI—Ayurveda (for the appointment of a compounder in the Sachivottama Shashtiabdapurthi Memorial Ayurveda Hospital, Neyyattinkara).

This is for the appointment of a compounder in the Sachivottama Shashtiabdapurthi Memorial Ayurveda Hospital at Neyyattinkara. This is a new hospital and the Government did not want to appoint two compounders though the Honorary Director recommended for such a post last year, because they wanted to know how far that hospital would be popular and whether there would be any real necessity for an additional compounder. Recently the Director of Ayurveda went to the hospital and inspected it. The daily attendance is about 400 persons. One compounder will not be able to handle 400 persons daily. The grant asked for is very small. I request that the House will be pleased to grant the allotment asked for.

The question that a sum of Rs. 110 be granted under Demand XXVI—Ayurveda was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXVII—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION Rs. 18945.

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI : Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 18,945 under Demand XXVII—Public Health and Sanitation :

1. (For additional allotment for plague work during 1120—Rs. 12,000.

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2. For additional allotment for conducting a Public Health Survey—Rs. 3,645.

3. For additional allotment for expenditure on account of the Milk Canteen Scheme—Rs. 3,300.)

This amount of Rs. 18,945 is required for three items of expenditure, viz., Rs. 12,000 as an additional allotment for plague work in Alleppey, Quilon and Parur, Rs. 3,645 for conducting a Public Health Survey and a sum of Rs. 3,300 for running Milk Canteens throughout the State. Rs. 20,000 was originally allotted in the Budget, for the control of epidemics. From this amount, expenditure had to be met for the last three months of 1119. Therefore an additional allotment of Rs. 8,500 was required for Quilon Division alone and a sum of Rs. 4,000 for a plague camp at Marayoor.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether there is any immediate apprehension of plague?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: There will be no apprehension if the work is allowed to continue.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: How many actual cases or suspected cases of plague were found during the years 1119 and 1120?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Since we were carrying on regular control work in regard to plague, there were not many cases of the disease.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Was there any case in North Travancore?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Not in North Travancore. There was, however, a suspected case in Munnar.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Were there any deaths?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Was there not a suspected case reported from Parur?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: No.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether there are any statistics regarding the total number of persons suffering from tuberculosis?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: It is with that view that an additional allotment has been asked for under this Demand for conducting a Public Health Survey.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether special attention is devoted to this particular subject?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the honourable member please state what kind of general survey has till now been made and what else remains?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The Public Health Department conducted a hookworm survey when it was found that 90 per cent of the people were suffering from Hook worm disease. An intensive Hook worm treatment campaign was carried on in the State about ten years ago and about 20 lakhs of people were treated.

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[Rajyasevanirata Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai.]

A survey in regard to filariasis was also conducted in Alleppey and Shertallai. About 65 per cent of the people in these places were found to be suffering from filarial infection.

Later, a survey on malaria was also conducted throughout the State, especially along the eastern parts of Travancore, beginning from Padmanabhapuram and right up to Chinnar. About 55 per cent of the inhabitants along this region were found to have some kind of infection. Control measures were carried on and in many of these places investigation is still proceeding. At present, malaria is much less than it was five years ago. It is to assess the Public Health Condition in the State by conducting a survey that I am now asking for this amount. We propose to institute these surveys very soon.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the honourable member what steps were taken in Shertallai after the survey was conducted on filariasis?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: In Shertallai, about 30 square miles are under filarial control measures, and the idea of the Government is to expand the control measures to the neighbouring places. Last year, an additional area of 15 sq. miles, was also taken up for investigation and control.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the honourable member be pleased to state whether the Department contemplates to undertake a survey on venereal diseases?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The matter will be considered later.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member which officer was responsible for locating milk canteens in the State?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The Department was responsible for establishing milk canteens throughout the State.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Does the department travel through the state for fixing the tenders?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The department selects places through its sanitary circle officers.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any representatives of the public or Members of the Legislature were consulted before hand with regard to the localities where these milk canteens should be established?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: Some gentlemen interested in welfare work and Headmasters of schools and a few other impotant people of various communities were consulted.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether the scheme is of any importance so far as the department is concerned?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: It is important so far as the nutrition of poor children is concerned.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is of the view that members of the Legislature and other members of the public are not interested in the welfare of children?

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